

Ostrich Plume Shrug



This shrug is based on all the other 'knit a rectangle and seam into a circle' shrugs, with my favourite easy lace panel added.

This pattern is based on 5 pattern repeats, and is medium sized. For different sizes you could either use bigger or smaller needles, or do more / less pattern repeats. I recommend knitting a swatch – as long as you make sure the ribbing is at least 5 inches long, and the body part is at least 16 inches wide (or whatever your measurement from shoulder to shoulder is) and 21 inches long, you won't go far wrong! Do try on as you are knitting, that's the best way to ensure a good fit.

Ostrich Plume pattern is super easy, and is knitted in multiples of 13 sts.

Tension / Gauge: 17 sts = 5 inches / 13cm – 2 sts reverse stocking st – 13 ostrich plume pattern – 2 sts reverse stocking st. You need to knit a square in pattern to know how many sts to cast on, and how many pattern repeats you need. I made this shrug with 5 pattern repeats as follows:

K	Rev	Ost	Rev	Ost	Rev	Ost	Rev	Ost	Rev	Ost	Rev	K
1	2	13	2	13	2	13	2	13	2	13	2	1

K = knit

Rev = reverse stocking stitch

Ost = Ostrich plume pattern

1 sts at the start and the end for selvedge (1st st is always slipped, last sts is always knitted), and 2 sts between each pattern repeat. Double the number of sts you need for the body part, then minus two (this is so that the edges of the body part lie flat better). I had 79 sts for the body, so the number of sts I cast on was 156 ($79 \times 2 - 2 = 156$). If this doesn't make sense, email me and I'll try and explain better!

You will need:

500 metres (548 yards) soft DK yarn (I used RYC Lux, but that has been discontinued)

5mm circulars – for the ribbing

7mm circulars – for the body

Ribbing:

Using 5mm needles CO 156 (or whatever your count is)

K2, P2 ribbing for about 5 inches

Switch to 7mm needle

K1, *P2tog, K2tog (repeat to last st) K1 (or whatever your sts are, depending on your count)



Body:

Sl1, K2, *P13, K2 (repeat until last st), K1

Sl1, P2, * K4tog, [YO, K1 5 times], YO, K4tog, P2 repeat until last 3 sts, P2, K1

Sl1, K2, *P13, K2 (repeat until last st), K1

Sl1, P2, *K13, P2, (repeat until last 3 sts), P2, K1

Repeat these four rows until the body part is about 21 inches (or longer if you are knitting a bigger size). It's easy enough to hold up against you to see how much more you have to knit
Now you switch back to 5mm needles

P1, *Kf&b, Pf&b (repeat to last st) P1 (or whatever your sts are, depending on your count) you will now have the same amount of sts as you CO

Ribbing:

K2, P2 ribbing for about 5 inches (or the same number of rows as you did for the first ribbed part)

BO loosely (My BO is always too tight, so I use a larger needle)

Finishing:

Weave in all ends

Sew together as in the picture

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